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FOR R. WILCOX, USAEC SCI. REP.

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PORTELA

REF: BA 1775

DR. ADOLFO PORTELA MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF USAEC
APRIL 17, 1974, TO DISCUSS TERMINATION HIS CONTRACT.
PORTELA MADE STRONG PLEA FOR CONTINUATION HIS CONTRACT WITH
FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM AEC. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO HIM DIRECTION
USAEC'S BIOLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH PROGRAM
HAS BEEN UNDERGOING CHANGE AND PORTELA'S RESEARCH
WHICH HAS BEEN SUPPORTED FOR PAST 10 YEARS NOW BECOMING
OF MARGINAL INTEREST TO AEC. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO PORTELA
THAT SUPPORT OF FOREIGN RESEARCH CONTRACTS HAD BEEN CUT
BACK AND THIS WAS ONE OF THE LAST
TO BE SO CURTAILED. PORTELA THEN ASKED FOR CONTINUATION HIS
CONTRACT ON NO-FUND BASIS (BEYOND CURRENT SIX MONTHS NO-FUND
EXTENSION GRANTED SO THAT HE MAY PREPARE AND SUBMIT HIS FINAL
REPORT) STATING THAT THIS WOULD BE DESIRABLE FROM A
POLITICAL STANDPOINT.

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IN REPLY, IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT WE COULD NOT AWARD

RESEARCH CONTRACTS ON POLITICAL BASIS. PORTELA STATED HE
UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION AND THAT HE WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE
OF SUPPORT WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED FROM USAEC OVER PAST DECADE.
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